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SUBJ: US-MEXICAN METEOROLOGY COOPERATION; STORMFURY

PASS NOAA, USDOC AND HURRICANE RESEARCH FACILITIES MIAMI

1. SCICOUNS AND NOAA REP SUNDRAY MET WITH MET DIRECTOR AGUPLAR SEPT 27 TO PASS ON NOAA INVITATION TO VISIT HURRICAN RES FAC MIAMI AN TO TELL HIM THAT FORMAL INVITE FROM DR. WHITE ENROUTE. (AS OF COB SEPT 30, AGUILAR HAD NOT RECEIVED WHITE CABLE, WHICH WAS APPARENTLY MISADDRESSED, BUT EMBASSY HAS DELIVERED COPY TO HIM.) AGUILAR EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH EARLIER NOAA BRIEFING. WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT A SIMILAR BRIEFING COULD BE ARRANGED FOR CONACYT, HE SAID THAT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY SINCE HE HAD RESPONSIBILITY THIS AREA, NOT CONACYT.

2. AGUILAR WAS ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND US-MEXICAN COOPERATIVE METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATION PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WERE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, ONLY MODIFICATIONS HE EXPECTED WERE CHANGE IN TERM FROM 5 YEAR EXTENSION TO 4 YEAR EXTENSION PLUS SOME POSSIBLE NIT-PICKS BY THE LEGAL STAFF.

3. SINCE CONACYT WOULD PROBABLY BECOME AWARE US-MEXICAN STORMFURY DISCUSSIONS, EMBASSY CONSIDERED IF PRUDENT TO INFORM THEM OF OUR GENERAL PLANS. CONACYT (TECH DIR PUEBL) SUGGESTED WE DISCUSS WITH DR. ADEM, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF CONACYT

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AND DIRECTOR UNAM INSTITUTE OF GEOPHYSICS. (NOTE:

MEMBERS CONACYT MET. COMMITTEE REPRESENT UNAM PLUS 6
GOVT AGENCIES, BUT NONE FROM MET. SERVICE.)

4. SCICOUNS AND SUNRAY MET WITH DR. ADEM ON SEPT 29 AND
DESCRIBED STORMFURY PLANS IN GENERAL TERMS. ADEM SAID
HIS COMMITTEE HAD ALREADY LEARNED OF NOAA PLANS AND
EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT PROPOSAL MIGHT RUN INTO TROUBLE
IN VIEW OF EFFECT ON PUBLIC OF COMMENTS BY PEOPLE LIKE
DR. VIVO) WHO IN PAST HAS BLAMED NOAA FOR HURRICAN
DAMAGE IN MEXICO). ADEM WAS GENTLY REMINDED THAT HIS
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAD AN OBLIGATION TO REFUTE SUCH
MISREPRESENTATIONS. ADEM SAID THAT FOREIGN RELATIONS
WOULD PROBABLY ASK BOTH HIS COMMITTEE, THROUGH CONACYT,
AS WELL AS AGUILAR'S AGENCY FOR COMMENTS WHEN THEY
RECEIVED FORMAL REQUEST FROM EMBASSY. HE SAID THAT AT
THAT TIME THEY WOULD ASK NOAA TO BRIEF HIS COMMITTEE.
HE WAS ASSURED THAT NOAA WOULD BE PLEASED TO BRIEF HIS
COMMITTEE WHENEVER THEY WISHED. IN RESPONSE TO ADEM'S
REQUEST FOR REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS ON STORMFURY
PROGRAM SCICOUNS WILL SEND HIM APPROPRIATE INFO
PACKAGE WHEN RECEIVED FROM MIAMI.
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